

**ISRAEL TOUR**  
**FEBRUARY 6-16, 2024**  
**Led by Rocky Spear & Jeremy Spear**

Tuesday, February 6

**En Route**

Today we leave the U.S. for an overnight flight to Israel. Flights are on your own (We can give recommendations.)

Wednesday, February 7

**Netanya**

We will arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel. Head to Netanya to our Hotel

Thursday, February 8



Jezreel Valley

**Sea of Galilee**



**Coastal Route**

After a delicious Israeli breakfast, our first day of touring will be along the Mediterranean Coast. Our first stop will be at **Caesarea Maritima**. St. Peter & St. Paul had experiences here. Next we will visit **Mt. Carmel**, the location of Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal. There is a beautiful view of the **Jezreel Valley**. **Meggido** is another option for that day. We will then travel to **Nazareth**, Jesus' childhood home. Possible sites to visit are the **Church of the Annunciation** and **Mt. Of Precipice**. We will end the day by descending to the **Sea of Galilee**, arriving at our hotel.

Overnight, Tiberias

Friday, February 9

**Mt. Arbel**



Jesus Boat

**Sea of Galilee - Ministry of Jesus**

Today, we will spent time around the **Sea of Galilee**, visiting places where Jesus ministered. Plans for the day will include **Mount Arbel**, a **Boat Tour** on Sea of Galilee, the "**Jesus Boat**" at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar, **Tabgha**, where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish, **Mount of Beatitudes**, **Capernaum**, and **Chorazin**. Baptisms in the Jordan River will be arranged either today or tomorrow.

Overnight, Tiberias

**Saturday, February 10**

Caesarea Philippi



### **Northern Galilee**

After breakfast, we will begin our tour of northern Israel. We will spend valuable time at the archeological site of Tel Dan, after which we will move to the famous city of Caesarea Philippi. Jesus brought the Twelve to this pagan city to ask a very important question. We will stop at Mount Dental, an old military outpost which overlooks the Israel/Syrian border. Lunch will be in a Druze village, Ma'sade, in the Golan Heights. If time allows, we will visit the Olea Essence Olive Factory. Then we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight, Tiberias

**Sunday, February 11**

Beit Shean



### **Jordan Valley/Dead Sea**

Today we begin our journey south, ending at the Dead Sea. We will visit an incredible Roman city, Beit Shean, which is being brought back to life by archeologists. Our drive will be through the West Bank, past Jericho, and then stopping at Ein Gedi, a beautiful oasis, where David hid from King Saul. We will stay overnight at a resort on the Dead Sea. Enjoy floating in the Dead Sea, then go inside to the same water, but heated. **WONDERFUL!** Then get a good night's rest after supper, as we have a big day tomorrow.

Overnight, Dead Sea (Ein Bokek)

**Monday, February 12**

Masada



### **Wilderness of Judea/Masada/Jerusalem**

Eat a good breakfast. Today we visit Masada, a very important mountain in the history of Israel. The timeframe we will be visiting and talking about is 73 AD. The view from Masada is incredible!

From there, we begin our journey UP to Jerusalem. Our first glimpse is breathtaking. We will go to the Promenade Overlook and pray over Jerusalem a traditional Jewish prayer. If time allows, we will visit Bethlehem and see the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's Field. There is a great place to buy olive wood souvenirs in Bethlehem.

Overnight, Jerusalem

**Tuesday, February 13**

Eastern Gate from Mt. Of Olives



### The Holy City of Jerusalem

Our journey today will begin on the Mount of Olives. Our guide will share the geography of the City. We will overlook the Kidron Valley and the Eastern Wall of the City. Descending the Mount of Olives, we will have time for prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Church of All Nations is on this site. Caiaphas' House where Jesus was tried and Peter denied Jesus is our next stop. Following this we will visit Mount Zion where we visit David's Tomb and the Upper Room. The Garden Tomb will be visited either this afternoon or tomorrow morning, where we will share communion together.

Overnight Jerusalem

**Wednesday, February 14**



Church of Holy Sepulchre

### Jerusalem - Old City

Today will be a walking day inside the walls of the Old City. Sites we will visit include: Lion's Gate, Pools of Bethesda, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Jewish Quarter, Nehemiah's Wall, Davidson Center (Southern Wall Excavations), and the Dung Gate. Lunch will be in the Jewish Quarter. Of course, we will visit the Western Wall (kotel). There, you can approach the Wall and place a prayer between the stones.

There is the possibility of sifting through rubble from the Old City excavations.

Overnight Jerusalem

**Thursday, February 15**

Yad Vashem



### Jerusalem - New City

This morning we will explore some of the New City of Jerusalem. We will drive by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, visit the Model of First Century Jerusalem at the Israel Museum, and walk through the Shrine of the Book, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. A somber visit to Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum) will wrap up our day. We will head back to the hotel for our last night in Israel.

Overnight Jerusalem

**Friday, February 16**

Inside Herodium



This morning we will visit Herodium and Elah Valley prior to our drive to the airport for our flight home

**Flight Home - Arriving on Friday, February 16.**